

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electric toothbrush in which brushing is enabled by back-and-forth linear movement of a tufted portion in a longitudinal direction of a replaceable brush, wherein the distance (mm) of movement of the tufted portion is set in the range of 0.5 - 3mm, the frequency (times) of back-and-forth motion of the tufted portion per minute is set in the range of 2000 - 11,000, and the product of the distance (mm) of movement of the tufted portion and the frequency (times) of back-and-forth motion per minute is set in the range of 5000 - 7000~~3000-9000~~.

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Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The electric toothbrush according to claim 1, wherein filaments in which tip portions of at least 30% or more of all tufted filaments are split into a plurality of portions are used.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The electric toothbrush according to claim 1, wherein a DC electric motor is used as means for moving said tufted portion.

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